

METHODISTS
WANT REPEAL
LIQUOR LAW

And Substitution of a "Sane, Sensible, Up-to-date, State-wide Prohibition Law," Claiming Present Law Has Miserably Failed.

NEXT CONFERENCE
MEETS IN HARDWICK

Appointments of Ministers Will be Read at the Service Tomorrow—Doings of the Day Told in Detail.

Promptly at nine o'clock this morning Bishop Cranston called the Vermont Methodist conference to order and the records were read. Prior to this an evangelistic service had been held.

The ballot for second reserve delegate to the general conference not being made public yesterday, the Bishop announced that Rev. A. H. Webb of Braintree received 16 votes and was elected.

RADICAL TEMPERANCE
REPORT ADOPTED

Strong Ground Taken by the Conference on Question of Temperance—Repeal Recommended—"Issue" Endorsed.

The annual temperance report was read by Rev. W. R. Davenport and was as follows: "The Vermont conference will take no backward steps in the cause of temperance. As always in the past, we still believe that the open saloon is vicious in principle and disastrous in practice. It is a blot on the nation, a disgrace to the state, a disaster to the community, a curse to the individual. It has not one redeeming feature, and no 'reforms' contemplated by its sponsors can save it from condemnation at the bar of public opinion. Like Babylon of old, its cup of iniquity is full, and its destruction has long since been decreed of Heaven, and should now be ratified by men. 'God's thunderbolts are hot' and it is for us to hurl them at the serried ranks of the enemy until the present retreat becomes a rout, and the legalized liquor traffic is driven off the American continent.

"Therefore, we reiterate our purpose to do our very utmost to secure the enforcement of every law now on the statute book, pledging to the regular town, city and county officials, our utmost co-operation in the work of preventing an illegal selling and securing the arrest of all drunken persons perambulating the streets. We also call upon our entire constituency to exhaust every resource to carry every Vermont municipality against license at the March elections so long as the present law remains on the statute books. In most places this can be done if the temperance people rally their ranks and cast their ballots. A clear-cut plan, a consistent campaign, and a complete rounding up at the polls will usually carry the day. Nevertheless, there are some sections of the state where the purchasable vote is so large and the grip of the forces of evil so strong that an educational campaign of years will have to be carried on before the majority sentiment can be permanently aligned against the saloon.

"Therefore, we insist that the immediate and supreme temperance duty of the hour is to secure the repeal of the present local option liquor law, and the substitution thereof of a sane, sensible, up-to-date state-wide prohibition law. We take this ground not only because the promises of the promoters of the present law have failed to materialize, but also because any law that permits the beverage sale of liquors is condemned by the book which pronounces a woe upon the man who putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips and maketh him drunken. From these two viewpoints we reach the decided conclusion that the whole license system should be 'heaven down and cast into the fire.'

"We also endorse the Vermont Anti-Saloon League and its able and eloquent superintendent, C. J. Ferguson, Esq., and pledge to our support and co-operation. We further plead for a more general effort to secure signatures to total abstinence pledges and for cooperation with all efforts to educate public sentiment as to the evils of the drink habit. We also endorse the recommendation of Bishop Mallaby to modify, to some extent, the existing canon of celebrating our national anniversary and hope that some of the enthusiasm generated on each July 4th may be turned toward general civic betterment.

It was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Rev. E. E. Howard, the

STUDENTS FLED
BEFORE FIRE

Troy Conference Academy Building Destroyed

ALL OCCUPANTS ESCAPED

There Were About 200 in the Building When Fire Was Discovered at 4:30 O'clock This Morning—Principal Dunton Was Absent.

Poultney, April 18.—The main building of Troy Conference academy was destroyed by fire this morning. The two hundred boys and girls got out safely, clad only in their night clothing, but they lost all their effects. There is nothing left of the academy's plant except the chapel, gymnasium and the hospital. That no lives were lost is considered very remarkable.

Those who discovered the fire were awakened at half past four o'clock. The flames had then made great headway, having apparently started in the kitchen which was located on the rear of the building. These few students tried to get at the fire hose in the building but were driven from the undertaking by the rush of flames. Messengers were sent through the structure, warning all of the danger, and the frightened students fled from the building without waiting to don their clothing. Nothing could stop the progress of the fire then, and the building was burned completely down.

It was a brick structure, erected in 1826 and contained the dormitories, kitchen, dining room and recitation rooms. Principal C. H. Dunton was in Saratoga, N. Y., at the time attending the Troy conference of the Methodist church. He arrived home this noon. He stated that an attempt would be made to continue the school, at least so that the present senior class might be graduated. T. C. A. is a Methodist institution.

The loss is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$80,000.

BIG LOSS FOR DORSET.

J. M. Griffith's Store Burned Yesterday; Loss \$15,000.

East Dorset, April 18.—The general store of J. M. Griffith, the largest business place in the village, was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning.

The roofs of three adjoining dwellings also caught fire but were prevented from burning by the bucket brigade. At one time it looked as though the house occupied by J. E. Bellman would be destroyed and the furniture was removed. The precaution was, however, unnecessary.

The fire which was discovered about 4 o'clock, presumably caught from sparks of a passing locomotive. The building which was a wooden structure about 60 x 40 feet in dimension and three stories high, together with a large portion of Mr. Griffith's stock was destroyed. It is estimated that the proprietor saved about one-fifth of his stock. His loss is estimated at \$15,000.

The Manchester Hose Co., hurried to the scene in response to a call for help but did not arrive in time to be of any assistance. There was luckily very wind at the time of the fire and to this fact is due the saving of the adjoining houses and other property.

POKER GAME WAS
CAUSE OF STRIKE

Street Car Men Played in a Car, Were Discharged and Then Their Fellow-workmen Went on Strike.

Cumberland, Md., April 18.—Because the officials of the local street railway corporation refused to reinstate two conductors who were discharged last week for playing poker in a car in the barn, all the other employees struck to-day and the road is tied up. The company has sent for "strike-breaker" Jim Farley and his men from New York and announced that it will reopen the road as soon as they arrive.

pelier seminary and W. M. Newton as trustees of Wesleyan university and they were elected. Supplementary resolutions on the question of temperance were made by Rev. E. A. Bishop, the same having reference to instruction in the public schools. Supplies in the conference were authorized to be present at the executive session this afternoon. Adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Eaton.

Appointments To-morrow.

The appointments will be read at the close of the service for the ordination of elders at the Methodist church to-morrow afternoon.

Sunday, April 19.

9—Love feast, led by Rev. P. N. Granger and Sylvester Donaldson.

10:30—Sermon by Bishop Cranston.

2:30 p. m.—Ordination of elders and deacons, followed by a young people's rally led by Dr. J. F. Brushingham.

7—Evangelistic service, conducted by Dr. Brushingham.

STABBED MAN MAY
LIVE, IS RESTING WELL

Daniel Phillips' Assailant is Still at Large—Victim is a Man of Reviving Disposition.

Bellows Falls, April 18.—Daniel Phillips, who was stabbed in the abdomen Wednesday in a drunken row at North Walpole, remains in the same condition. He is 54 years old and a man of good intelligence apparently, but he has a reviving character. He belongs in Springfield, Mass., where he has a brother, George W. Phillips.

County Solicitor Cameron and Sheriff Tuttle came here yesterday to see what could be ascertained about the affair and yesterday afternoon they took to Keene John Casey and Peter Gauthier, who were with Phillips at the time of the fight and stabbing affray. They are held as witnesses. Stevens who is said to have done the stabbing, is still at large.

Phillips is at the Walpole house. His intestines were punctured in two places by the knife, probably a dull jack-knife, with a fairly sharp point. After the stabbing he walked some distance, starting the wound badly and getting cinders and dirt into and upon the parts that protruded as the exterior wound tore open. It now remains to be seen whether peritonitis will result. If not he will probably recover.

HELEN MALONEY
CAN'T GET CONSENT

Of Catholic Church to Marry Samuel Clarkson, the Englishman, With Whom She Elope to England.

Philadelphia, April 18.—The ban of the Catholic church against another marriage on the part of Helen Maloney, daughter of Martin Maloney, the Standard Oil magnate, to Samuel Clarkson with whom she eloped, was announced today by Archbishop Ryan. "What the millions of King Henry VIII could not accomplish certainly the millions of Martin Maloney will not be able to do," was the declaration of the distinguished prelate.

Archbishop Ryan was moved to this statement by a reported declaration of Maloney's attorney that all of Miss Maloney's relatives regard her as the wife of Clarkson and ignore the "joke ceremony" she went through with Herbert Osborne, a New York broker previous to her sensational elopement to Europe. "With all his influence, King Henry VIII tried to free himself from Catherine of Aragon," said the archbishop, "but history tells us that he failed so far as obtaining any aid from the church of Rome. The church of Rome stands today as it did then on this question."

A NEGRO CONVICT
IS ROUNDED UP

James Johnson Escaped From Bridgewater, Mass., State Farm Wednesday Morning.

Hyannis, Mass., April 18.—James Johnson, the colored convict who escaped from the insane ward at the state farm in Bridgewater Wednesday morning, was taken into custody here last night, and is being held at the county jail in Barnstable, awaiting the arrival of officers from the state farm.

Johnson appeared in town yesterday afternoon and some citizens whom he approached with inquiries as to how he could reach the island of Nantucket became suspicious of the man and notified Officer E. S. Bradford of the state police, who took him to the jail. Johnson pretended at first that he was in search of employment but after Officer Bradford had identified him from the description sent him from the state farm, he admitted that he was the fugitive wanted. He said that he was exhausted by hunger and by his wanderings since leaving Bridgewater, twenty miles away, and that he was glad he had been caught.

PITTSBURG GETS WAGNER.

Belief That Player Gets \$10,000 for the Season's Work.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 18.—"Honus" Wagner, the idol of the Pittsburg base ball fans, yesterday signed a contract to play for the Pittsburg team and he will probably be the local shortstop in to-day's game at Cincinnati. Wagner came into the city from his home at Carnegie and called at the office of President Barney Dreyfus. The two had an earnest conversation for half an hour, at the end of which the contract was signed. There is no official announcement as to the terms, but the popular belief is that Wagner will get \$10,000 for his season's work.

GLACIA CALLA IS SUMMONED.

Will Appear to Testify Before Grand Jury at Exeter Next Week.

Portsmouth, N. H., April 18.—When the grand jury for the superior court for Rockingham county convenes at Exeter on Tuesday next, one of the most important witnesses to appear will be Miss Glacia Calla, sister of George A. Carkins, who was killed at George A. Carkins on the night of Jan. 2, by her husband, Paul E. Rey. This noted woman has been summoned by County Attorney Charles H. Batchelder to present.

TO-NIGHT IN BARRE.

Republican caucus, city court room, 7:30 o'clock.
Anniversary service, Hedding M. E. church, 8 o'clock.
Wonderland pictures, Hale's pavilion.
Theatricals, 40 Main st.
Holiness revival service, Worthen hall.

TOOK POISON
BUT WILL LIVE

Bert Dickinson Tried to Die at Chelsea

WAS TEMPORARILY INSANE

He Had Been Suffering an Attack of the Mumps Recently and That Is Thought to Be the Cause of Mental Ailment.

Chelsea, April 18.—During a temporary aberration of mind, brought on, it is thought, by illness with the mumps, Bert Dickinson of Vershire, who works for E. O. Mattson, attempted to end his life yesterday by taking paris green. Prompt summons to a physician saved the man's life and he is now resting comfortably, with good chances of recovery.

The man went into the house at about noon yesterday and when he began to become sick he told the housekeeper, Emma Sargent, that he had taken paris green. He went to his room. Soon after that, Mr. Mattson returned for dinner and called Dickinson to come and sit down at the table. Dickinson replied that he didn't care for anything. The housekeeper then told him what Dickinson had said to her about taking the poison. Mattson then went to Dickinson's room and asked "Have you been taking paris green?" At first Dickinson denied that he had but finally admitted it.

Mattson confirmed the statement by going to the shed where the paris green is kept and found that it had been removed, while on the floor there was a quantity spilled. A physician, being at once summoned, relieved the patient, the promptness of the action being all that saved Dickinson's life. The patient today is very weak but is apparently on the road to recovery.

Several theories have been advanced to account for his act, but the one generally accepted is that he was not quite rightly mentally because of a recent illness.

MONTPELIER REPUBLICANS
ELECT DELEGATES

City Committee, With Henry Holt as Chairman, Was Also Elected at Caucus Last Evening.

At the Republican caucus held in Montpelier an organization was effected by the election of W. A. Lord chairman, and E. A. Nutt secretary. The following delegates to the second district Republican convention to be held at Montpelier Tuesday, April 29, were elected: H. W. Kemp, J. H. Lucia, F. L. Laird, E. M. Harvey, C. A. Follett, C. D. Mather, O. H. Richardson, S. S. Ballou, E. D. Field, A. C. Blanchard, alternates, G. O. Stratton, Robert Whelan, B. M. Shepherd, James Canning, S. W. Benjamin, G. L. Blanchard, Benjamin Gates, A. D. Farrell, T. R. Gordon, H. F. Critchfield. The delegates and alternates elected to the Republican state convention to be held at Burlington Wednesday, April 29, are: Delegates, J. A. DeBoer, J. W. Brock, E. H. Deavitt, F. M. Corry, F. A. Howard, D. F. Ryle, F. R. Pitkin, S. W. Corne, M. L. Wood, W. A. Lord; alternates, O. D. Clark, A. C. Brown, R. D. Denny, M. W. Wheelock, John Doherty, C. E. Kingsbury, W. N. Theriault, E. A. Nutt, Ned Alexander, C. C. Tarr. The following Republican city committee was elected for two years or until successors are elected: Chairman and committeeman-at-large, Henry Holt; ward 1, E. M. Harvey; ward 2, John Doherty; ward 3, W. A. Pattee; ward 4, F. H. Tracy; ward 5, W. N. Theriault; ward 6, C. C. Roberts.

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A New View of Rev. Cooke.

Rev. Geo. A. Cooke preached his last sermon, in the conference year, at the Methodist church last Sunday evening. Whether Mr. Cooke will remain in Brandon another year, or whether he will go elsewhere to take a pastorate, remains with conference which has been in session at Saratoga this week. We don't care to hazard any guess on what the conference will do and would not care to even if we were any of our business, but we are willing to guess that whatever the action of the conference, Mr. Cooke will continue to live and prosper. We sincerely believe Mr. Cooke to be a thoroughly honest as well as thorough, fearless gentleman, and know him to be one of the most pleasant neighbors. It was ever our good fortune to live near him. His family is an ideal one and if something should occur to make them permanent residents of this town or to endow their stay, it would be Brandon's good fortune.—Brandon Union.

BANQUET AFTER BUSINESS.

Granite Lodge of Masons Held Annual Meeting Last Night.

The annual communication of Granite lodge, No. 35, F. & A. M., was held last evening in Masonic hall and was attended by 125 members. Secretary O. H. Reed, who was re-elected to the office last evening for the fifteenth consecutive year, stated in his report that in the history of Granite lodge there had been but one year in which more members had been taken in than the record for the past year. Thirty-one members were taken in this year, eight deaths and three demitted, leaving the total membership of the lodge 415. The report of the treasurer, V. E. Ayers, showed that the lodge was in a very prosperous condition financially.

Arthur C. Tilden was elected worshipful master of the lodge to succeed John C. Wyllie who becomes a past master. The other officers elected were Donald A. Blake, senior warden; W. W. Russell, junior warden; V. E. Ayers, treasurer; O. H. Reed, secretary; W. W. Anderson, senior deacon; O. J. Dodge, junior deacon. The following appointments officers were named, Alonzo T. Clark, chaplain; William Murray, marshal; Peter Mutch, senior steward; Samuel Sinclair, junior steward; Charles F. Ayer, teller; L. G. Griffith, pianist; board of trustees, W. E. Catto, L. E. Roberts, J. C. Wyllie; finance committee, F. C. Fisher, D. P. Town, Frank McWhorter; dues committee, O. H. Reed, L. O. Wales, L. H. Thurston; charity committee, master and wardens. At the conclusion of the business of the meeting very interesting remarks were made by the Rev. W. C. McIntyre on masonry, which he declared stood next to the church as an order for men. The lodge was then closed and the company was invited into the banquet hall where an excellent supper was served by the ladies of Ruth chapter, O. E. S. An enjoyable concert was given during the supper by the mandolin club.

ALLEGED FORGERY
TRIED ON BARRE BANK

B. W. Ingalls, Who Was Taken from Rutland to Baltimore Yesterday Is Accused of Crime.

Chief of Police E. S. Whitaker of Rutland has a complaint from Swanton officers which charges Berton W. Ingalls with forging a check for \$26 on the Barre Savings Bank & Trust company, the name of O. R. Clay being signed to the check. Ingalls is the man who has just served a term in the house of correction at Rutland for defrauding a Rutland hotel keeper and who was taken from that city yesterday to Baltimore by Detective James Dick of Baltimore to answer to the charge of forgery.

Treasurer Howland of the Barre Savings bank recalled today that an attempt was made several years ago to pass a check for either \$25 or \$26, which was signed by the name of O. R. Clay. The check was immediately put to protest, however, as no one by that name had an account with the institution, and no money was drawn on it.

The charge against Ingalls on which he will be tried at Baltimore is one of forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses. Sometime ago the prisoner was in Baltimore working for a man by the name of White. He ordered a \$50 suit from a tailor and when it was finished he alleged to have presented in payment a forged check for \$50. It was after banking hours and the tailor had but \$6 in his pocket but Ingalls took this and was satisfied.

Detective Dick said that Ingalls had served six months in the Norfolk penitentiary for forgery and that he had also served in the prison at Dunkirk, N. Y.

MORE SENIOR ESSAYS.

Were Given at Spaulding High School Last Evening.

Spaulding high seniors gave the closing half of their annual exhibition at the school assembly room last evening before a fair-sized audience. The program being much enjoyed. Those who participated and the subjects of the essays were as follows:

"The London Coffee-house at the time of Joseph Addison," George Parkers' "Education in China," Olive Knight's "Description of an Auction," James Riley's "The Development of Alaska," Angus Macaulay's vocal solo, Gladys Gale's "A Rainy Day in the Country," Loretta Miles' "Balloons and their Modern Sports," Emory Newhall's "Summer Sports in Vermont," Marguerite Brown's "The Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the South," Robert Watt's "James Riley then gave a violin solo and was obliged to respond to an encore. "The New England Primer," Blanche Houston's "How the Japanese Regard the United States," Ella Williams' "A Winter's Day in an early Vermont Homestead," Clara Vaughn's vocal solo, Marguerite Brown's "Color Photography," Mabel Gladding's "Trees of Vermont," Robert Corbier's "A New England Town Meeting," D. Vernon Wells' An essay on "The Manufacture and Sale of Denatured Alcohol" was to have been read by George Halvosa, but he was excused on account of sickness.

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STRIVING FOR
AGREEMENT

Three Joint Committees in Session This Afternoon

NEAR UNDERSTANDING

At Yesterday's Conference of Polishers and Manufacturers Some Progress Was Made—Hope To-day for Full Agreement.

A strenuous effort to reach an agreement between manufacturers and polishers is being made this afternoon at a meeting of the committees representing the granite cutters, the tool sharpeners and the polishers and the corresponding three committees from the manufacturers, who met in joint conference at 2 o'clock at the manufacturers' rooms in the C. W. Averill block. Two meetings of the committees representing the polishers and manufacturers were held yesterday afternoon and evening and some progress was made toward an agreement. This forenoon the three committees representing the granite cutters, the tool sharpeners and the polishers held a conference, and as a result of this, this afternoon's meeting was called. With the progress made at yesterday's conferences it is hoped and expected that today's meeting will bring about an agreement.

The lumpers, boxers and derrickmen have not yet effected an agreement with the manufacturers, but the several conferences this week have brought them nearer. An understanding is hoped for at their next conference.

SANDBERG TRIES TO
END QUINCY STRIKE

Writes to Both Sides Proposing Conference and Aid From Business Men.

Quincy, Mass., April 18.—Former Representative Edward J. Sandberg of Quincy, a former president of the Quincy board of trade, is making an effort to end the granite strike in that city. To-day he sent a letter to the secretaries of the Quarrymen's Union, the Engineers' Union and the Granite Manufacturers' association offering the rooms of the board of trade for a conference.

In these letters he says the interests of the citizens of Quincy and the members of the unions involved are bound up in each other, which he considers justification for writing. He offers at the proposed conference the co-operation of a committee of business men, to be appointed by the president of the board, although he has not conferred with the officers on the matter.

OLD GRAVES IN BARRE.

Some in Elmwood (Old Section) Go Back For a Century.

Barre at the present time is regarded as a new city and as a city it is new, and while it was not one of the first settled towns of the state a walk among the old tombstones of the old part of Elmwood cemetery brings to mind the sturdy men and women, who died, some of them, more than a century ago. There are several stones nearly 100 years old and one—that of Elijah Keil—has cut upon it an inscription stating that the occupant of the grave departed this life in 1804.

Several of the stones, from the names upon them, indicate that those whose resting places they mark were the forebears of some of the people who reside in the city today. Most of the old stones are in a good state of preservation and show little trace of the effects of the storms of a century.

Among the older monuments in the cemetery are those of Linas Keyes dated 1818; Lieutenant Charles Killam, 1813; Josiah Leonard, 1821; Mrs. Rebecca Gale, 1819; Josiah Gale, 1829; Capt. Nathaniel Batchelder, 1810; Betsey Raymond, 1817; William Raymond, 1815. The stone erected over the grave of Lemuel Clark states in the inscription that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

An instance of joint family longevity is marked in the grave of Abel Camp and his wife, Abigail. The latter died in 1819 at the age of 56 while the former died two years later at the age of 59.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Eugene Merrill of Marshfield was a visitor in the city yesterday.

"A Miser's Fate," a dramatic sensation, at the Theatricalum, of course.

The bootblacks of the city apparently think that spring has arrived and most of them placed their shining stands outside today.

The funeral of Thomas Davidson will be held at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon at the house of Mrs. J. D. Smith, 56 Maple avenue, Rev. F. A. Poole officiating.

Among arrivals at the City hotel last evening and today are F. S. Maher, Rochester, N. Y.; C. B. Davis, Morrisville; W. White, H. L. White, Burlington; C. W. Gates, Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bates, Stowe.

The closing party of the series of the Nonsensical whist club was held at the home of Dr. C. F. Camp last evening. Dinner was served at six o'clock after which progressive whist was played, there being six tables of players. At the conclusion of the playing the prizes for the season were awarded.